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1. Only a few of the officers of the old Bulgarian Army are now serving in auxiliary services. High ranking officers of the old army who have sworn allegiance to the Communist regime include the following:
 - a. General Ganev, now Director of the Reserve Officers' School.
 - b. Colonel Hadjiev, Director of the Career Officers' School.
 - c. General Budjiev.
 - d. Colonel Beanov.
2. The officers now serving in the army have come out of the ranks of the partisans. They are completing their military education by attending Military School in the evening. Some three hundred to four hundred officers graduate yearly from the Officers' School. To be admitted to this school, a gymnasium (high school) diploma is necessary and also a police certificate stating that the candidate is a sworn Communist. Cadets must also pass examinations before being admitted. The sons of partisans are preferred. The Cadets graduate at the end of three years with the rank of second lieutenant and are assigned to the various arms according to their specialties. Fifteen to twenty percent of the select Communists are sent to Russia to complete their education.
3. Many Russian officers are serving in the Bulgarian Army as advisers; their mission being to train the Army in the use of Russian weapons with which the Bulgarian Army is now being equipped.
4. The disposition of First Army is as follows:
 - a. The 1 Mountain Artillery Regiment is said to be dissolved.
 - b. There is no battalion of heavy guns at Radomir.
 - c. The 15 Infantry Regiment is said to be dissolved.
 - d. The 6 Field Artillery Regiment with headquarters at Vrattsa is part of the 6 Division.
5. The disposition of Second Army is as follows:

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- a. A section of unknown strength of 2 Mechanized Heavy Artillery Regiment has moved from Plovdiv, very probably to Pleven.
 - b. The 2 Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment is said to be dissolved.
 - c. The 2 Anti-Tank Artillery Regiment has moved from Stara Zagora to Stora (sic).
 - d. The 2 Heavy Artillery Battalion is said to have returned to Plovdiv.
 - e. The headquarters of 2 Infantry Division is at Plovdiv, but there is information that the Division has been moved to an unknown location and probably to the Yugoslav border.
 - f. Two battalions of 27 Infantry Regiment have been transferred from Pazardzhik to Devin. It is not known whether the 3 Battalion has been transferred.
 - g. The 10 Regiment has its headquarters at Kerdzhali.
 - h. The 8 Field Artillery Regiment has changed its headquarters to Momchilgrad.
 - i. The 10 Division is dissolved. It had its headquarters at Kerdzhali.
6. The disposition of Third Army is as follows:
- a. The headquarters of Third Army has been transferred from Shumen to Sliven.
 - b. The 3 Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment at Yambol is dissolved. It has been replaced by an independent battalion, the task of which is to detect aircraft, to ascertain the height they are flying, and to take photographs of them. The Battalion is called, Possoko Chevatsky.
 - c. The 3 Regiment of the Quartermaster Corps has been transferred, probably to Sliven, having followed the Third Army.
 - d. The 3 Heavy Artillery Battalion has never been at Elhovo.
 - e. The 3 Engineers and 2 Infantry Regiment are stationed at Elhovo.
 - f. The 3 Infantry Division is said to have moved from Sliven to Yambol.
 - g. The 4 Infantry Division, which had its headquarters at Shumen, is dissolved. It was rumored that it was to be reorganized.
 - h. The 7 Infantry Regiment is said to have become a unit of the 5 Division. It is stationed at Shumen.
 - i. The 8 Infantry Regiment has changed its headquarters from Varna to Dobrich.
 - j. The Fourth Army has been dissolved. Only the 5 Division is still in existence.
 - k. The non-divisional units and 9 Division and its regiments have been dissolved.
7. The armored force of the Bulgarian Army consists of a division under the orders of Third Army, and three brigades, one in each Army.
8. The armored Division has its headquarters at Kazanlek and is composed of the following units:

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- a. A mechanized regiment with headquarters at Stara Zagora.
 - b. Two tank regiments stationed at Kazanlek. Each of them has a force of 54 Russian type tanks (T-34).
 - c. One mechanized infantry regiment with headquarters at Kazanlek.
 - d. A signals battalion with headquarters at Kazanlek.
 - e. A battalion of the Corps of Engineering with headquarters at Kazanlek.
 - f. A battalion of heavy mortars with headquarters at Karlovo.
9. The disposition of the armored brigades is as follows:
- a. 1 Armored Brigade with headquarters at Sofia. It is composed of the following units:
 - 1 Tank Regiment with headquarters at Sofia
 - 1 Mechanized Regiment with headquarters at Samokov.
 - 1 Mechanized Heavy Artillery Regiment with headquarters at Samokov.
 - 1 Section of anti-tank artillery with headquarters probably at Sofia.
 - b. 2 Armored Brigade with headquarters at Plovdiv.
 - c. 3 Armored Brigade with headquarters at Sliven, moved to Kazanlek.
10. The Cavalry Division has moved its headquarters from Sofia to Yambol. It is composed of two cavalry brigades as follows:
- a. The 1 Brigade with headquarters at Yambol, is composed of 4 and 6 Cavalry Regiments with headquarters also at Yambol.
 - b. The 2 Brigade, with headquarters at Dobrich, is composed of 8 and 10 Cavalry Regiments, with headquarters also at Dobrich.
- The Cavalry Division has also an artillery regiment with headquarters at Sliven. The following smaller units are also attached to this Division:
- a. An anti-tank battalion, with headquarters at Yambol.
 - b. A Corps of Engineers battalion, with headquarters at Yambol.
 - c. A Quartermaster Corps battalion, with headquarters at Yambol.
11. There are three paratroop battalions stationed at Sofia, Plovdiv, and Stara Zagora, respectively.
12. In addition to the infantry, artillery, mechanized and cavalry units, there is a Home Security Division under the orders of the Ministry of War. The task of this division is to locate agents from Yugoslavia and all reactionaries. It is composed of battalions scattered all over Bulgaria. The division was formed in 1948. Those serving in this division are confirmed Communists. The officers are taken from the Militia. In general the men are armed with sub-machine guns. There is one battalion stationed at Gorna Dzhumaya. A company of 120 men of this battalion went to Sveti Vrach last July. Its complement of vehicles consisted of five trucks and three motorcycles.
13. The tour of duty in the Army is two years; in the Air Force and Navy it is three years. Those born in 1928 and 1929 have already been called. Those born in 1930 will be called next fall.

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14. Since the beginning of July 1950, officers and non-commissioned officers of the reserve that are known as good Communists and belong to technical units, are being mobilized by personal invitations.

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